



House Select Committee on Homeland Security Democrats

JIM TURNER, Ranking Member

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“The threats we face are real, and the decisions we make today will decide our security tomorrow,” stated Congressman Jim Turner, ranking member of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security. “Right now, however, we are making such decisions without the benefit of a clear, effective plan to protect America.”

“We are driving down the road without a map to tell us where we are going.” Turner made his comments at a committee hearing on the Department of Homeland Security Financial Accountability Act, HR 2886.

“We run the risk of trying to protect everything equally, which means we protect nothing effectively,” Turner continued.

“We need a comprehensive threat and vulnerability assessment to determine our most critical homeland security priorities and apply scarce resources accordingly. Without a threat and vulnerability assessment, how can we possibly decide how to allocate available funding between screening air cargo, improving the electricity grid, increasing bioterrorism protection, or attending to some other vulnerability?”